GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PORTS AT GOPALPUR AND DHAMRA
Gamang Shri Giridhar;Majhi Shri Parsuram;Nayak Shri Ananta

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Orissa and private companies for setting up of major ports at Gopalpur and Dhamra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): Requests have been received from the Government of Orissa as also from other sources to develop the ports at Dhamra and Gopalpur. However, there is no proposal for setting up of major ports at these two locations under consideration of the Central Government. Under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, responsibility for development of ports other than major ports vests with the respective State Governments. According to information furnished by the Government of Orissa, they have initiated steps to develop the two ports through private parties.